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Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – 9/10/12. Update on the West Lake Landfill Site sampling, studies and public availability session. Due: 9/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – 9/5/12. Concerns about the notification process of minority contractors for bids to perform site cleanup work. Due: 9/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Stephen Fincher (Tenn.) – 9/5/12. Requests conference call to discuss statute of limitations as it relates to the Missouri Electric Works site in Cape Girardeau. Due: 9/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) – 8/21/12. Constituent concerns about the contamination at the Chicago Heights Superfund site. Due: 9/6/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Sioux City Journal (Iowa) – Lauren Mills – 9/6/12: Questions about Brownfields grant application process. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463 (open)

Environmental Magazine – Harriet Weinstein – 9/11/12: Additional questions about EPA's Waste Wise program and the Hutchinson Correctional Facility's continued recycling efforts. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Domestic Fuel - New Billboard Touts E15 to Iowa Motorists - 9/11/12 - A new billboard courtesy of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association introduces E15 to motorists in Marion, Iowa. This IRFA news release says the new billboard will go up at Linn Co-op Oil Company, the first EPA-approved retailer in Iowa to sell E15 for 2001 and newer vehicles, SUVs, and light-duty trucks.
<http://domesticfuel.com/2012/09/10/new-billboard-touts-e15-to-iowa-motorists/>

The Gazette (Cedar Rapids) - Linn Co-op to get boost with E15 sales - 9/11/12 - The Linn Co-op Oil Co. in Marion will get a big helping of promotional support next week as it becomes one of the first Iowa fuel retailers to offer E15 for mainstream vehicles. The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association announced Monday that it's launched an advertising campaign to promote E15. The campaign is co-sponsored by the Iowa Corn Growers.
<http://thegazette.com/2012/09/10/linn-co-op-to-get-boost-with-e15-sales/>

Quad City Times - Water companies need to increase infrastructure investment - 9/11/12 - The worst U.S. drought in over half a century has left its mark on Iowa, with more than two-thirds of the state

impacted. And, while cooler temperatures and more rain will provide some relief as fall approaches, experts are warning that we won't be out of the woods anytime soon.

http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/editorial/columnists/guest/water-companies-need-to-increase-infrastructure-investment/article_b086fdf2-fbb2-11e1-9ce7-001a4bcf887a.html

The Hill - EPA official: GOP bill would 'cripple' global climate efforts - 9/11/12 - An Environmental Protection Agency official said during a Tuesday hearing that a House Republican-sponsored bill would "cripple" the agency's ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing discussed a bill (H.R. 4255) that would eliminate EPA's ability to offer financial assistance for international greenhouse gas reduction activities.
<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/248759-epa-official-gop-house-bill-would-handcuff-global-climate-efforts>

Right Side News - Government of, by and for the EPA - 9/11/12 - EPA advances anti-energy agenda, with little regard for Americans' health or welfare. Seven score and nine years ago, President Lincoln resolved to take increased devotion to ensuring that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the Earth.
<http://www.rightsidenews.com/2012091117011/life-and-science/energy-and-environment/government-of-by-and-for-the-epa.html>

eNews Park Forest - Scotts Miracle-Gro Caught Again, This Time A Record Penalty Levied For Pesticide Violations - 9/11/12 - Lawn company giant, Scotts Miracle-Gro Co., pleaded guilty to numerous charges of misleading consumers with unapproved labels and falsifying insecticide registrations, including using toxic chemicals in wild bird food. Scotts was ordered to pay \$12.5 million in criminal fines, the largest penalty ever set under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).
<http://www.ewnews.com/latest-news/science-a-environmental/36362-scotts-miracle-gro-caught-again-this-time-a-record-penalty-levied-for-pesticide-violations.html>

Power Engineering Magazine - EPA INTERNATIONAL CLEAN AIR GRANTS; COMMITTEE: HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE; SUBCOMMITTEE: ENERGY AND POWER - 9/11/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency's of funding foreign grants is worrisome for reasons beyond whether the grants are affordable or whether they exceed the mandates of legislation. That the EPA has to pay other countries to fund their own environmental programs indicates a limited willingness on the part of these countries to fund them themselves.
<http://www.power-eng.com/news/2012/09/11/epa-international-clean-air-grants-nl-committee-house-energy-and-commerce-nl-subcommittee-energy-and.html>

Bloomberg Businessweek - Republicans Target EPA Overseas Grants to Cut Deficit - 9/11/12 - U.S. House Republicans proposed blocking Environmental Protection Agency grants made for international research as a way to trim the federal deficit. The EPA awards, which topped \$21 million last year, included projects to train Polish municipalities on landfill gas, a study of swine manure in China and promotion of a "Breathe Easy Jakarta" program on indoor-air quality in Indonesia.
<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-09-11/republicans-target-epa-overseas-grants-to-cut-deficit>

The Business Review - EPA funds atmospheric research at UAlbany - 9/11/12 - Kenneth L. Demerjian, a scientist at the University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, and H. Mao, a professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, are the recipients of a \$499,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop models to monitor air quality.
<http://www.bizjournals.com/albany/news/2012/09/11/epa-funds-atmospheric-research-at.html>

BayouBuzz.com (Louisiana) - Romney election could create new scenario for EPA and coal - 9/11/12 - Whether Mitt Romney or Barack Obama wins the presidential election, a congressional impasse in 2013 seems likely. That's because under most conceivable election scenarios – with Romney or Obama in the White House, and with either Democrats maintaining their Senate majority, or the Republicans taking it – the minority party could use the filibuster threat to block proposals it opposed.

<http://www.bayoubuzz.com/component/k2/item/83988-romney-election-could-create-new-scenario-for-ep-a-and-coal>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/12-13/12 – Oil and gas tour, Harper County, Kan. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413, and Julia Cacho, 7071

9/13-14/12 – Meet with Kansas State Fair Board and Ag Reporters. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Kris Lancaster, 7557.

9/21/12 – Meet with Brent Stewart, United Way, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

9/21/12 – Doe Run Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Julie Murray, 7448

9/25-26/12 – America's Great Watershed Summit, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Julia Cacho, 7071

9/27/12 – Treece Event, Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725, and Beckie Himes, 7253

10/17/12 – Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce – Energy Policy Roundtable, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/18/12 – Meet with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (ICCI), Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) and Sierra Club, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782, David Cozad, 7587

10/29/12 – 12th Annual BioCycle Renewable Energy from Organics Recycling Conference, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487, Julia Cacho, 7071

11/8/12 - 2012 National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Kris Lancaster, 7557 and Julia Cacho, 7071

11/19/12 – 2012 Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

RA/Immediate Office

9/11- 12/12 - Attend Hypoxia Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

9/13/12 - Attend National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

9/14/12 - Meetings with Kansas State Fair Board and Reporters, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

10/9/12 - Attend Miami County Farm Bureau Meeting, Miami County Fairgrounds. Contact Josh Svaty, 7202

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Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/13/12 - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

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ENSV

None

PLMG

9/13/12 - Kansas Housing Conference, assist in presentation on federal sustainable community partnership, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

9/20/12 - HUD Sustainable Housing Conference, participate on panel presentation, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

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***9/12-14/12** - Chicago Heights Superfund site outreach efforts, St. Louis County, Mo. Contacts: Chris Whitley, 7394, Pam Johnson, 7480 and John Frey, 7994

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9/12/12 – TAB Brownfield Grant Writing Workshop, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Jennifer Morris, 7341

9/18-20/12 – R6/R7 Brownfields Partners Forum, Oklahoma City, Okla. Contact: Susan Klein, 7786

10/24-25/12 - Region 7 Regional Response Team (RRT) meeting, Training & Logistics Center. Contact: Janice Kroone

WWPD

9/7/12 - Vermeer Manufacturing and Iowa Department of Natural Resources meeting, Pella, Iowa. Contact: Wayne Gieselman, 7785

9/7/12 - Iowa's Cooperative Communication Initiative for Pollinator Protection Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

9/9-12/12 – 2012 Water Security and Emergency Preparedness Conference and Exposition, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-11/12 - EPA's Sustainable Universities Program Follow-up, Rolla, Mo. Contact: Kerry Herndon, 7286

9/9-10/12 - Site visits in coordination with Iowa Department of Transportation and Interagency Review Team Agencies, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Jason Daniels, 7443

9/12/12 - WEF Four States Governmental Affairs Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

9/12-13/12 - Site Visit to Oil and Gas Operations, Wichita, Kan. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/20/12 - 2012 Sustainable Housing Conference: Rethinking Home and Community, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Crystal McIntyre, 7261

9/20/12 - Meeting with Missouri Department of Natural Resources on 319 Nonpoint Source Program, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Steve Kovac, 7698

10/22-26/12 - Urban Waters National Training Workshop, Washington, D.C. Contact: Mandy Whitsitt, 7311

10/3/12 – Iowa Water Agency Response Network Table Top Exercise, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

11/7-9/12 - EPA Direct Responsibility Water Security meeting, Kearney County, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

12/11-13/12 - Direct Implementation Network National Workgroup Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

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